

Children's Work

My Book Choice. We have been reviewing the finalists in the picture book category for the NZ book awards. We have read all of the picture books and then wrote about them. I wrote about the Cowshed Christmas but when it was time to vote I voted for Ben and Mark instead. Ben and Mark stole the show because Ben and Mark makes you want to read more.
By Tai

What I learnt over the past couple of weeks was how to decide what picture book to vote for and how and why is it my favourite book. It's like thinking critically about which one to choose.
By Aorangi

This week I've been thinking critically about what book I am voting for. The choice I made was The Wonky Donkey. We had to vote on the internet and we had to read all the books before we could vote.
By Angel

Over the last two weeks we have been thinking critically about different types of texts, particularly picture books. We have learnt how to vote online for the NZ Post Book Awards, which has really helped me learn more about computers. The book I chose was The Cowshed Christmas because I really like the way they had placed the kiwi icons in the story. One of the towns I really like is Otorohanga which has the Kiwiana festival every year.
By Waimarama



We know who to keep ourselves safe. If you get lost there are things you need to know so you will be safe. We have been learning to confidently say our full name, address, phone number and what makes us special.
By Kowhai Class



Portia Taane-Edwards

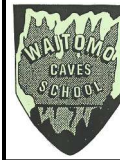
John Batger

Arleyah Henry

Kyah Cornes

What's Coming Up At Waitomo Caves School

11 May	Authors workshop in Te Kuiti
17 May	Young Leaders Conference in Rotorua
18 May	New Board meet Mrs Tamae Dimond, Principal ☺



Newsletter

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Whaia te ara totika – Make the Right Choice

Term Two 2010

Week Three – 7 May

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoa

Bus

No update has been made available at this stage regarding further bus changes. Thank you to Julian for driving while Bill was away.

Board of Trustees

Thank you for the parent nominations and congratulations to the following new board members: Alannah Batger, Gaye Gray, Richard Jones and Ben Stubbs. Congratulations also to Helen Easton who has been elected as the staff representative. Thank you to Cathy Wilson and Linda Bell who have stood down from the board. Thank you for your contributions, dedication and support as board members for the past three years.

Authors Workshop

As part of the New Zealand Post Book Award Festival, Te Kuiti Library will be hosting author Christine Fernyhough and photographer John Bougen. Christine is the author of 'Ben & Mark: Boys of the High Country' and her husband John has photographed the images for the book. The senior class have been reading this book and are invited to attend this unique opportunity to meet with Christine and John. The workshop will be held on



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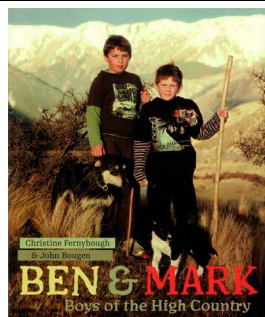


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Tuesday 11 May at the Te Kuiti Library from 10.45am to 12noon. At the beginning of each workshop the students will be divided into two groups as Christine and John will facilitate their own session talking about their role in the creation of the book and other publications they are been involved in. We require enough vehicles to transport 19 children. Please contact the senior teachers if you are available to help with transport on Tuesday.



Young Leaders Conference

This year senior students and parents have indicated they wish to attend the Young Leaders Conference in Rotorua. This will be held on Monday 17 May. Richard Jones will be providing transport for the six children who have indicated they are going. The National Young Leaders Days are both inspirational and practical. The Halogen Foundation selects a group of high profile personalities to speak and interact with the students. The speaking team consists of top leaders in business, sport, politics, community service, science and the arts. Students are challenged not only to reach their own personal goals but the goals of those they are leading. We trust our students will be inspired and willing to share what they have learnt when they return. Enjoy your day!

Saturday Junior Soccer

The school junior soccer team play at the Te Kuiti soccer fields every Saturday at 9.00am. Players are asked to please be on time and be prepared. All players have been given a school t-shirt as their team uniform and must be worn. Players are also aware that they need to wear black pants or shorts. Steven Edwards has volunteered to coach this team and training will begin next Friday at lunch time. Thank you Steve.

Art Exhibition The children's art boards are currently on display around our district. They can be viewed at the Waitomo Education Centre, the Oparau Road House and the Orange Dingy Café in Kawhia. Thank you to Art Waikato's art education advisor, Wanda Barker, for distributing our wonderful work. On there return at the end of the term these master pieces will be sent home.



Pool Keys

Pool families are asked to please return the school pool key. Thank you.

School Photos

Class, individual and family photos will be taken at school on Tuesday 25 May at 9.00am by PhotoLife Studio photographers. Photo packs will be available soon.

Community News

Life in the Family Zoo A great two hour event for Mums, Dads and Caregivers that will change your ideas about what parenting seminars are like! Te Kuiti Primary School, Thursday 13 May at 7.00pm.

Here's the promise:

- You will laugh as you connect to the stories – even wonder if we have cameras at your house!
- You will leave with practical ideas to go home and try out to reap quick results.
- You will learn about Memory-Making with your children.
- You will discover your 'Parenting Style'.
- You will be inspired.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

9 May 2010 - **Rangitoto Horse Trek**. Location: Rangitoto Hall. Registrations from 9.30. Ride off at 10.30 from Rangitoto Hall. BYO Lunch. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Check for weather cancellations in the morning if VERY wet. \$20.00 per rider. Enquiries: Helen 07 878 8538

16 May 2010 - **Piopio Community Market**. Piopio Village Green. Produce, plants, crafts, arts etc. Every 3rd Sunday of the Month. Enquiries: Katrina 07 877 7518

29 May 2010 - **K-night After K-night Medieval Dinner & Show**. Medieval dinner and entertainment. A hilarious, interactive, costumed dinner and show. Costume Hire: Contact Hilary 07 878 5078 or 021 906 032. Tickets on sale at Te Kuiti i-SITE 07 878 8077. NO DOOR SALES

19 June 2010 - **Stars in Your Eyes 2010**. Piopio Memorial Hall. Register your item with Batesy 07 877 7755 or Vikki 07 877 8289.

Coach, Player Development

A free Seminar, covering all aspects of good Sports Nutrition will be held in Te Kuiti next Monday evening. This is open to coaches, managers, parents and sportspeople from all codes. Monday 10 May at 7.00pm, Riverside Room, Te Kuiti Primary. Presenter – NZ registered dietician Milly Connell. Register with Dede Downs – ph (07) 878 7867 or 0274 853 692.